

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 29, 2012

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 994**

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**Introduced by Senator Vargas**

February 2, 2012

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An act *to add Section 51204.6 to the Education Code*, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 994, as amended, Vargas. Pupil instruction: *social sciences: California Latino history: California Latino Curriculum Committee.*

Existing law requires instruction in social sciences to include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups, to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would expand pupil instruction in California Latino history.~~ *would, before January 1, 2014, require the State Department of Education to establish the California Latino Curriculum Committee to be composed of specified individuals, for the purpose of developing California Latino curriculum that is consistent with the history-social science curriculum framework and state-adopted academic content standards for use in public schools maintaining any combination of instructional settings from kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 51204.6 is added to the Education Code,  
2     to read:  
3     51204.6. (a) Before January 1, 2014, the department shall  
4     establish the California Latino Curriculum Committee for the  
5     purpose of developing California Latino curriculum pursuant to  
6     Section 51204.5 that is consistent with the history-social science  
7     curriculum framework and state-adopted academic content  
8     standards for use in public schools maintaining any combination  
9     of instructional settings from kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive.  
10    (b) The California Latino Curriculum Committee shall be  
11    composed of the following individuals:  
12    (1) The Director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health  
13    and Culture at the University of California, Los Angeles.  
14    (2) The senior curator of LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes.  
15    (3) A representative of the California Teachers Association.  
16    (4) A representative of the Association of California School  
17    Administrators.  
18    (5) A representative of the California Association of Latino  
19    Superintendents and Administrators.  
20    (6) The President of the California Latino School Boards  
21    Association.  
22    (7) A representative of the department.  
23    (8) A member of the Association of Mexican American  
24    Educators.  
25    (9) A member of the California Rural Network.  
26    (10) A superintendent of a northern California school district.  
27    (11) A superintendent of a southern California school district.  
28    (12) The San Diego Superintendent of Schools.  
29    ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
30    ~~legislation that would expand pupil instruction in California Latino~~  
31    ~~history.~~